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WEST SACRAMENTO MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO IDENTITY THEFT

SACRAMENTO—United States Attorney John K. Vincent announced today that MARK A. JARVIS, 46, of West Sacramento, California, pled guilty in federal court in Sacramento to one count of using an unauthorized access device for his use of a credit card which he fraudulently obtained in the names of other people. The crime carries a sentence of up to ten years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, and three years of supervised release.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Norman Wong, who is prosecuting the case, JARVIS admitted that he applied for and received five credit cards using the names and Social Security numbers of his girlfriend and her ex-husband. JARVIS then used the credit cards to purchase various goods and services.

JARVIS entered his guilty plea before Senior United States District Judge Lawrence K. Karlton. Sentencing is currently scheduled for January 29, 2002.

This case is the product of an investigation by the United States Postal Inspection Service.

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